

## **Fredrick Stearns & Company Building**

Address: 6533 East Jefferson

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Stearns Building, 2003

### **Historic Overview:**

The Fredrick Stearns & Company Building is a four story brick and stone trimmed building with Jacobean details. The building is architecturally significant as a well-preserved turn-of-the-century industrial plant incorporating manufacturing, warehousing and office uses into one unified composition. Built in 1899, the building is an early work of William Buck Stratton with a later tower addition designed by Albert Kahn. The office occupies the façade, which is 13 bays wide and five bays deep. The building is also known for its association with Detroit's philanthropic Stearn family and the nationally known Frederick Stearns Company which contributed to the growth of the American pharmaceutical industry.<sup>1</sup>

In the late 1980's the building was converted to residential use. The building is now known as the Lofts at Rivertown and houses 175 upscale loft apartments.

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<sup>1</sup> Information obtained from Michigan Historic Sites Online.

